

NEWS AND NOTES OF BOND MARKET

Liberty Issues Are Liquidated Heavily in Much Broader Trading.

The outstanding feature of yesterday's bond trading, which was on a much larger scale, was heavy selling of Liberty bonds. No reason was advanced for that liquidation except that the selling might have come from bondholders in need of funds to meet their obligations on March 1. That date is known as "Settlement Day" in the middle West. The highest "wave" was seen at 4%, which moved more than half a point to 3%. Smaller losses were sustained by the first 4%, second 4%, third 4% and fourth 4%. The 3% gained a little ground, as did the Victory 3% and 4%. The third and fourth 4%'s were very active, and some fairly large blocks were thrown on the market, which really stood up remarkably well. In the rail road group the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy joint is attracting attention, several transactions in them being made at slightly higher prices.

Average Bond Prices

	Year	Net	Week
10 Rails.	73.43	-14	73.80
10 Industries.	88.88	-91	88.75
10 Pub. Util.	88.88	-91	88.13
5 Freight.	91.67	-93	91.00
20 Bonds.	80.83	-18	80.30
			78.35

Improvement Continues.

The improvement in secondary distribution noted in this column, yesterday continues at a more rapid pace, and it is now expected that March 10 will see dealers' shelves again bare, provided that no attempt to flood the market be made. At the moment the only large issue in immediate vision is the São Paulo offering, amounting in this market, to \$10,000,000, and scheduled for the early part of next week. It is far from \$100,000,000, but it is blocking up without including the alleged needs of the Ford Motor Company. It is not now expected that any of the \$100,000,000 in the background will be permitted to come to public view before March 15, which is tax payment day.

Progress in the disposition of the Chilean loan was faster yesterday, and that situation is clearing up with the complete success of distribution of Chilean bonds a certainty of the very near future. Gulf Oil Corporation bonds are also in favor again, and altogether bond wholesalers are much encouraged by distribution consummated yesterday.

New York Telephone.

There should be no financing by the New York Telephone Company before midsummer unless higher telephone rates be granted in the meantime and sufficiently early to demonstrate an improvement in the company's financial position. Otherwise, it was stated that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company during the ensuing twelve months would need \$75,000,000 of new funds to carry out its budget. Of that sum \$55,000,000 has been provided, and the New York company's financing should complete the budget preparations for the parent company and all of its subsidiaries. For the present at least, the financial requirements are in the possession of the Bell Telephone system. Consequently the raising of the \$25,000,000 balance is not on the schedule for earlier than June, although a plethora of smaller offers might permit earlier action. For the present there will be no action which might reflect on the high credit standing enjoyed by the New York company on the basis of its earning record.

Baldwin Needs No Money.

The report that Baldwin Locomotive Works was negotiating with bankers for a loan and of new security issue by the company was denied by S. M. Vauclain, president of the company, who said "We are not in need of any money and are not considering the issuance of any new securities."

Our Share in São Paulo Loan.

It is expected now that the American share of the São Paulo \$ per cent. loan, amounting to about \$10,000,000, will be offered to investors on next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Ann Arbor Bond to Pay Notes.

The Ann Arbor Railroad Company has notified holders of its \$100,000 of two year 6 per cent. collateral gold notes, due on May 1, that their payment will be anticipated on the basis of 3 per cent., or approximately 90 per cent. of principal. Information on presentation to the Empire Trust Company on and after February 28. The company has repaid \$100,000 of the loan from the War Finance Corporation made to it in July, 1919. No refinancing was included in those transactions.

Abitibi Power Sells Issue.

The Abitibi Power and Paper Company, Ltd., a Canadian concern, has sold to Peabody, Houghtaling & Co. of Chicago a new issue of \$4,000,000 bonds.

Frisco Asks Bond Authority.

The St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Company asked yesterday authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission to issue \$4,222,000 of prior lien mortgages 6 per cent. gold bonds, to be sold for not less than 90 per cent. of nominal value. The Erie Railroad has submitted an application to approve an issue of \$4,000,000 of equipment trust certificates, which had been issued by the road before the transportation act of 1920 became effective. Application was filed by the Southern Railway for authority to pledge as security for short term notes any part of \$7,222,000 of development and general mortgage 4 per cent. bonds held in its treasury.

EQUIPMENT TRUSTS.

(Quoted on a percentage basis.)

Name and Rate. Bid. Ask.

Atlantic Coast Line...1922-38 6% 6.19 6.09

Baltimore & Ohio...1920-27 4% 7.50 6.75

Buff. & Mich. Central...1920-23 4% 6.85 6.50

Canadian Pacific...1920-32 4% 7.25 6.80

Cheapeake & Ohio...1924-35 6% 6.75 6.50

Chi. & N. W. & Pac...1920-27 4% 7.75 6.75

Chi. L. & N.O...1920-24 6% 6.65 6.50

Clev. & St. L. & W...1920-24 6% 6.50 6.50

Conn. & St. L. & W...1920-24 6% 6.50 6.50

Danish Govt...1920-24 6% 6.50 6.50

Empire Trust Co...1920-21 6% 6.50 6.50

Erico Railroad...1920-27 4% 8.00 7.00

Grace Steamship...1920-34 6% 8.00 7.25

Hawaiian Central...1920-27 4% 7.50 6.75

Illinoian Central...1920-27 4% 7.00 6.50

Illinois Central...1920-21 6% 6.50 6.50

Internal Prod. S...1920-26 4% 6.50 6.50

Interstate P...1920-27 4% 7.75 6.75

J. P. Morgan & Co...1920-24 6% 6.65 6.50

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